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## Bank.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
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## HONGKONG.

**INTEREST ALLOWED.**  
ON Current Deposits: Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

**LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.**  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

**T. JACKSON,**  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 31st of July, 1876.

**SAYLE & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 16, 1877. ap16

**NOTICE.**  
MR. EDWARD BURNIE will conduct the BUSINESS of my Office, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

**R. H. CAIRNS,**  
Surveyor to Local Offices,  
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.  
2, Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. se18

## NOTICE.

**WE** have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

**ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

**VICTORIA DISPENSARY.**  
ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

**WM. CRICKSHANK,**  
Manager.  
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A CARRIAGE, HARNESS, & 2 PONIES, THE PROPERTY OF A. SLENNIKOW, Esq. CONSUL FOR FRANCE.

**THE** Under-signed has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **THURSDAY**, the 29th March, 1877, at 4 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road—  
One 4-wheeled Victoria PHAETON, for One or Two Ponies. Bail Aine, Paris, Builder.  
One Pair Grey North China PONIES, with Silver Mounted Harness.

**TERMS OF SALE.**—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

**J. M. ARMSTRONG,**  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ms29

## Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
**LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.** have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **THURSDAY**, the 12th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—  
ON THE SPOT  
(Unless previously disposed of by Private Sale).  
That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54, comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House." Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

**And,**  
That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

**Also,**  
That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot, and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet. Annual Crown Rent, \$185.08, for Inland Lot No. 768.

**TERMS.**—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the remainder on completion of the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings will be at purchaser's risk after the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 13, 1877. ap12

## Intimations.

**HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**COMMENCING ON FRIDAY** Next, the 16th instant, the Steamer **POWAN** will Run as a Night Boat between HONGKONG and CANTON, leaving HONGKONG on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 5.30 p.m., and CANTON on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, at 5.00 p.m.

By Order,  
**P. A. DA COSTA,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

**WANTED.**  
**SOME** Active Intelligent Men as TURN-KEYS in VICTORIA GAOL. Salary commencing at \$40 per Month, with Quarters and Uniform.  
Applications to be made to the Acting Superintendent of the Gaol.

**VICTORIA GAOL,**  
Hongkong, March 23, 1877. ms30

## GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

**TO** Expedite the Delivery of Telegrams, this Company's London Station has been connected by Pneumatic Tubes with the following Post Office Telegraph Stations:—  
Lothbury—Founder's Court.  
No. 27, Cornhill.  
No. 58, Threadneedle Street.  
The Baltic.  
Graham House.  
No. 150, Leadenhall Street.  
No. 42, Fenchurch Street.  
No. 76, Lower Thames Street.  
Mark Lane.  
No. 8, Eastcheap.  
No. 101, Cannon Street.  
St. Martin's Old General Post Office.  
New General Post Office.  
Ludgate Circus.  
Temple Bar.  
West Strand.

Instead of going through the General Post Office, Messages will be distributed at once by the Company's own Messengers, unless they can be relayed more quickly through the above-mentioned Stations.

**GEORGE J. HELLAND,**  
General Agent.  
Shanghai, March 16, 1877. ms30

## ERNEST WASSALL & Co., PHOTOGRAPHERS.

**I** HAVE This Day Established myself as PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC Co., under the above Style.

**ERNEST WASSALL,**  
Hongkong, March 9, 1877. ap1

**G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON.**  
No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.  
Bega to inform his Friends that he intends being ABSENT from HONGKONG for Six or Eight Weeks, leaving early in April.

**HONGKONG, March 27, 1877.**

## Intimations.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF  
**ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s**  
**CELEBRATED BRANDY.**

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

**Also,**  
**POMMERY & GRENOS**  
"EXTRA SEC." CHAMPAGNE,  
in Quarts and Pints,  
As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [apb]

**THE MEDICAL HALL,**  
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
ESTABLISHED 1853.  
**TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.**  
Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

**HONGKONG.**

**Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,**  
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,  
38, Queen's Road,  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHRONOMETERS,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.  
All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tf.

**NOTICE.**  
**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.** have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for China and Japan, for JOSEPH STARKER, LONDON, Manufacturer of GOLD and SILVER LACES, Embroidery, &c., and Military and Naval Appointments of every description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN NAVIES.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

**NOTICE.**  
**NEITHER** Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBOLDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 23, 1877.

**NOTICE.**  
**LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.**

**THE BUSINESS** of this Company has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,  
**WILLIAM HUNT,**  
Secretary.  
137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

**THE MARINE INSURANCE Co.**  
20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.  
CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.  
RESERVE FUND, £240,000

**WITH** Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr A. McIVER as its AGENT in HONGKONG.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**ROBERT J. LODGE,**  
Manager.  
**THE** Under-signed is prepared to Accept Risks and Issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

**A. McIVER,**  
Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1877. ap17

**KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,**  
COAL MERCHANTS,  
Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr ARYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAR JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. ap19

**Now Ready.**  
"THE CHINA REVIEW,"  
No. 4, Vol. V.  
Annual Subscription, Six Dollars and a Half.

**CONTENTS.**  
Essays on the Chinese Language, (Continued from page 162).  
Dear-Stalking in China.  
Chinese Distillery.  
Chinese Intercourse with the Countries of Central and Western Asia during the Fifteenth Century, Part II. (Continued from page 182).  
A Legend of the Peking Bell-Tower.  
Chinese Hornbook.  
The Law of Inheritance.  
A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.  
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.  
Notes and Queries—  
A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.  
"Watching Spirits."  
Chinese Folk-lore.  
Tin and Yang, according to Aristotle.  
Pigden English.  
Gocho's "Werther" in China.  
Chinese Music.  
White Ants.  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

**China Mail Office,**  
Hongkong, March 20, 1877.

**For Sale.**  
**FOR SALE.**  
Apply to  
**H. KLER & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 23, 1877. ms30

**FOR SALE.**  
JUST LANDED EX B. S. "Hesperia."  
**H. PIPER & Co.'s** Celebrated CHAMPAGNE, CARTE BLANCHE SEC and CARTE DOREE in Quarts and Pints.

**Also.**  
The well known OZARD Dubou & Co.'s BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a Small Lot of MEDOC CLARET in qt. Bottles.

Apply to  
**L. L. BUSH.**  
Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

**NOW READY.**  
**A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.** Part I. A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo. Price: Two Dollars and a Half.  
To be had from Messrs LAM, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WATSON, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## For Sale.

**SAYLE & Co.**  
**GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.**  
IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.  
On and after MONDAY, February 8th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard.  
DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard.  
DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard.  
DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard.  
DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less spoiled); original price \$1.00 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.  
LADIES', BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.  
FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.  
LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.  
100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.  
Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOS, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

**SAYLE & Co.,**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

**FOR SALE.**  
**CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s**  
Celebrated  
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.  
Apply to  
**SIEMSEN & Co.**  
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

## Shipping.

**Steamers.**  
**FOR SHANGHAI.**  
(Taking through Cargo for TIENTSIN, CHEFOO and NEWCHANG.)  
The Steamship  
"GLENARTNEY"  
Captain GULLAND, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1877. ms29

**FOR BANGKOK.**  
The Spanish Steamer  
"ZAMBOANGA"  
will be despatched for the above Port on the 31st instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**AH YON.**  
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ms31

**FOR SVATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.**  
The Steamship  
"NAMO,"  
Capt. WESTROBY, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAFLAIC & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap1

## Sailing Vessels.

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The 41 American Ship  
"MYSTIC BELLE,"  
FLEMER, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.  
For Freight, apply to  
**VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 10, 1877.

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The 41 American Ship  
"MAREAR,"  
W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here; and will have quick despatch as above.  
For Freight, apply to  
**VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 18, 1877.

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The 12 years 8/3 L. 1.1 Danish Bark  
"KORSOR,"  
L. C. GOSCH, Master, will load here, and will have immediate despatch as above.  
For Freight, apply to  
**VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

## Shipping.

**Sailing Vessels.**  
**FOR LONDON.**  
The British Ship  
"ANGLO SAXON,"  
C. HARRINGTON, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
**MEYER & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 9, 1877.

## Notices to Consignees.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**  
**S. S. DUBNAH.**  
**NOTICE.**  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Craig* forth and *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 o'clock To-day, requesting it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-signed.  
Goods remaining unclaimed after 29th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**H. DU POUY,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 22, 1877. ms29

## Notices to Consignees.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by Steamship *BELGIO*, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, from whence delivery can be obtained upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.  
Goods remaining unclaimed after the 31st instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**G. B. EMORY,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap2

## Notices to Consignees.

**P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. KHIVA.**  
**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the *NEPAUL* from London, and *DECCAN* from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.  
Goods not delivered by the 2nd Proximo will be subject to rent.  
**A. McIVER,**  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap2

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

**THE S. S. Glenartney**, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under-signed into their Godowns, whence delivery of their Goods may be obtained.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 11 a.m. To-morrow, the 29th instant.  
Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1877. ap3

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**THE BRITISH SHIP WINDERMERE, FROM ANTWERP.**  
**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
**MEYER & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap3

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
**CONSIGNEES** of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**H. DU POUY,**  
Agent.  
Es. Pat. Ho, March 7th, 1877.  
Es. On Overbeck, F. No. 15, 1 case Effects.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

## For Sale.

## NOW READY.

**FRING-SHUI**, or, THE RUDEMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

**BUDDHISM**, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND PRACTICE. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.  
Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

## FOR SALE, AT CANTON.

**A STEAM COTTON MILL**, well adapted for Working Native COTTON, either NINGPO or TIENSTIN. Capable of Making 3 piculs of Yarn in 12 hours, consisting of—

Steam Engine and Boiler 15 Horse Power  
Nominal, 1,280 Spindles, 12 Carding and 2 Drawing Machines, 1 Speeder 18 Spindles, 1 Striker 60 Spindles, 1 Lap Machine, 1 Cotton Gln, Bobbins, &c., with Shafting and Belting Complete.

For Further Particulars and Terms of Sale, apply to  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

**WASHERMAN'S BOOKS**, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.  
**CHINA MAIL OFFICE.**

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE," Comdt. DE GIBAUD, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "IRAOUADY," Comdt. GAUVAIN, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

## STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUER, ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSILLIES.

## ALSO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS AND CALCUTTA.

## ON THURSDAY, the 5th April, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. PEIHO, Commandant LEONTHIE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

## CARGO AND SPECIE will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

## Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 4th April, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

## Contents and value of Packages are required.

## For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. ap3

## GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.** will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

## SATURDAY,

the 31st March, 1877, at Noon,—

Crockery and Glass Ware, Toilet Basins, Water Jugs, Bowls, Chambers, Pickle Jars, Decanters, Tumblers, Flower Stands, &c.

Silk Umbrellas, Letter Paper and Envelopes, Foolscap Paper, Cologne Water.

Also,

7 casks Soda Crystals.

8 boxes Californian Potatoes.

do do Apples.

do do Dried Fruits.

Terms of Sale.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. mc31

## FOR SALE.

Just ARRIVED by FRANCH ATANKER "Francis I."

**ONE YOUNG PANTHER**, only 15 Months Old, as Quiet as a Cat.

Apply, on Board, to the CAPTAIN, Hongkong, March 28, 1877. ap4

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR NINGPO &amp; SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "CHINA," P. H. HENNINGSEN, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SIEMSEN & Co.**

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. mc80

## FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**A. MAO G. HEATON.**

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. ap2

## AFONG,

## PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to  
**H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,**  
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;

and to  
**H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,**

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB.

Has on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex S. S. Radnorshire a supply of very handsome Easel Albums of Russia and Velvet Covers, assorted sizes. Illuminated Albums for Portraits. Tobacco Pouches, in Shape of Skulls, Rats, &c., and a nice choice of Gift Mountings for Frames, &c.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Rozario & Co.

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. G. Scherer.—Melchers & Co.

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plummer.—Siemssen & Co.

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. O. W. Hansen.—Arnholdt, Karberg & Co.

PATOLA, American 8-m. schooner, Capt. H. W. Lumb.—Landstein & Co.

ECHO, British barque, Capt. George W. Tozer.—Arnholdt, Karberg & Co.

WINTERMEIN, British ship, Capt. Mann.—Meyer & Co.

IRIS, Dutch schooner, Captain J. Werterfeld.—Order.

ROSETTA McNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 28, *Marquis of Argyll*, British barque, 500, Wm. McNair, Saigon March 18, General.—CHINESE.

March 28, *H.M.S. Hornet*, from Canton.

March 28, *St Anne*, French brig, from Whampoa.

March 28, *Chefoo*, British steamer, 684, J. E. Williams, Tientsin March 10, Chefoo 16, and Swatow 27, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

March 28, *Iris*, Dutch schooner, 263, T. Wirtorvelt, Macao March 27, General.—

March 28, *Norseman*, Siamese ship, 711, H. Tarek, Bangkok Jan. 27, Rice.—TAN ME.

March 28, *Cheung Hock Kian*, British steamer, 956, F. Webb, Penang March 12, Singapore 10, and Saigon 23, General.—

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## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 28, *Douglas*, for Coast Ports.

28, *Khiva*, for Shanghai.

28, *Vicount MacDuff*, for Whampoa.

## CLEARED.

*Antenor*, for Shanghai.

*Glory*, for Bangkok.

*Cyphrenis*, for Saigon.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per *Chefoo*, from Tientsin, &c., 146 Chinese.

Per *Norseman*, from Bangkok, 8 Chinese.

Per *Cheung Hock Kian*, from Penang, &c., 256 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Douglas*, for Amoy, Mr. Courtneay & Co.

for Fochow, Lieut. Farmer, and Mr. Blaise; for Shanghai via Fochow, Mr. Caldecott; for Coast Ports, 200 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per *Kashgar*, for Southampton, Miss Wilkinson.

Per *Glory*, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per *Cyphrenis*, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Marquis of Argyll* reports: First part strong N.E. monsoon, latter part light S.E. and Easterly winds.

The British steamer *Chefoo* reports: Strong N.E. gale, overcast dull rainy weather.

The Siamese ship *Norseman*, reports: The first 20 days, calm, from Feb. 18th, to end of the month strong monsoon. Had a strong gale from N.E. to 22nd March, since then light N.E. winds to port.

The British steamer *Cheung Hock Kian* reports: Experienced light winds from Saigon to within 150 miles of Hongkong, then strong N.E. winds and heavy sea with thick weather to arrival.

## CARGOS.

Per *Kashgar*, for London, 548 bales Raw Silk, 12 cases Silk Piece Goods, 19 bales Ponjee, 119 half chests and 18 pkgs. Tea, and 868 pkgs. Sundries. For Continent, 106 bales Raw Silk, 1 bale Ponjee, and 118 pkgs. Sundries. For New York, 17 bales Raw Silk. For Boston, 555 half chests Tea. For India, about 800 pkgs. Silk, and 600 pkgs. Tea.

Per American ship *Si-Matwa*, Hongkong to San Francisco, sailed 29th March, 1877.

—21,191 bags Rice each 50lbs., 492 bags Sugar each 1 picul, 120 bags Beans each 50lbs., 50 bags Pepper each 1 picul, 428 pkgs. Soy, 1,799 pkgs. Oil, 389 pkgs. Paper, 86 pkgs. Tobacco, 95 pkgs. Vermicelli, 130 pkgs. Preserved Ginger, 400 pkgs. Samshoo 86 pkgs. Fungus, 30 pkgs. Sage, 56 bundles Rattan, 1,184 pkgs. Firecrackers, 667 rolls Matting, 1,293 boxes Tea (Souchong) 25,800 lbs., and 10,076 pkgs. Sundries.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW & AMOY.—Per *CHEUNG HOCK KIAN*, at 10.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 29th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *GLENARTNEY*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 29th inst.

For NINGPO & SHANGHAI.—Per *CHINA*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 29th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—Per *NAMOA*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 31st inst.

For MANILA.—Per *ESMERALDA*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 2nd April.

## MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *KASHGAR* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 29th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 28th Instant.—

5 a.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 29th Instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FAX of 18 cents extra Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. mc29

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *BELGIO* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 3rd April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m., Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

General Post Office, Hongkong, March 20, 1877. ap3

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *PEIHO* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 5th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suer, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, April 4.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, April 5.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, March 22, 1877. ap5

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 30:—

10 a.m.—*China* leaves for Ningpo and Shanghai.

SATURDAY, March 31:—

Daylight.—*Samboanga* leaves for E'gkok.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Goods per *Belgio* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, April 1:—

Daylight.—*Namon* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, April 2:—

Noon.—*Esmeralda* leaves for Manila.

Goods per *Khiva* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, April 3:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

5 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

Goods per *Glenartney* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, April 5:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, April 12:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Ground, at Queen's Road East.

SATURDAY, April 14:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per *Djemah* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

4 p.m.—*Glenartney* leaves for Shanghai.

## Auction.

4 p.m.—Sale of Carriage, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sale Room.

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## MARRIAGE.

On the 28th March, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. E. Davis, STEPHEN RICHMOND, eldest Son of the late Stephen Neate, of Cricklade, Wilts, to HELEN, third surviving Daughter of John Drake, of Kingsclere, Hants.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1877.

A STRIKING illustration of the cramped and antique state of thought pervading the official class in China, and a quaint and what would be an amusing tale but for its tragic endings, are furnished in a memorial published in the *Peking Gazette* of the 24th of February last. Our readers will not have forgotten the alarmed state of feeling which prevailed in Fochow and other important cities during the summer and autumn of last year in regard to the reported cutting off of queues by invisible agents; the imprinting of marks on the body by "paper-men," and the freaks of the black monsters who played the part of incubi, crushing people to death in their sleep.

In the memorial in question the Governor of Kiangsu reports the apprehension of persons guilty of the "unholy practices" of putting into operation the mysterious agents of these dreadful proceedings and their execution after "due process of trial." The first notable individual, unfortunately enough to fall into the clutches of this intelligent Governor and his officers, was one Feng A-Tu, described as a wizard, and who speedily suffered the "extreme penalty of the law." Other arrests were made throughout the province, and "in all cases where authentic confessions were elicited summary punishment was inflicted on the spot in order to discourage the criminal mind and set the popular anxiety at rest."

The chief interest, however, is centred in one Hu A-Pao and his wife, Hu Su-shue, from whom Feng A-Tu, the man already executed, had declared in his confession he had received the words of the incantation and the "paper-men" he used. These two persons were arrested, and brought before the Prefect of Soochow for trial. "Conscious of the gravity of their offence," proceeds the memorial, "the statements to which they deposed were most stubbornly evasive. Upon this, under the Governor's directions, the Prefect of Soochow, with the District Magistrates and other officers acting under his orders, subjected the prisoners to repeated interrogations, continued without intermission even by night, instituting rigorous and searching enquiry in an unprejudiced spirit; as a result of which the woman Hu Su-shue at length made the following confession: She acknowledged having met a man whose name she did not know, and whose manner of speech was that of a person from distant parts, who gave her some foreign money and taught her the words of an incantation and how to send off the 'paper-men' to go and crush people. She told this to her husband, Hu A-Pao; and he, animated by the desire of gain, having agreed to make use of the incantation and send off the 'paper-men,' communicated the secret to their acquaintance Feng A-Tu." It would be interesting to know if these "interrogations" were accompanied with torture. We used to say in England, when a man was tortured, that

house. The prosecutrix had saved \$30, and this she gave to her mistress in order to purchase her freedom. The 1st defendant then suggested to her to get some employment; whereupon she replied that she was looking for employment. The 1st defendant then took her to Canton on the 22nd instant, in company with a man who was said to be the 1st defendant's husband. The next day the 1st defendant said she was coming to Hongkong to look for employment for her and left her in charge of the man said to be the 1st defendant's husband. On the 26th instant, the man told her that she had better come to Hongkong where she would get \$5 or \$6 a month. On the 26th she came down with the man who paid the passage. At the steamer wharf, the 1st defendant was seen standing in company with the 2nd defendant. The 1st asked the 2nd to get a room for the prosecutrix, and she engaged lodgings for her in a house at Nanyingpoo. Both defendants then left her lodgings, but on the 27th they came together and the 1st defendant told her to come to her hair, as a man would be coming to see her. She asked "why," and the 1st defendant replied that she was going to sell her for \$200. She refused and began to cry, when the land-lady of the house told her secretly that she could not be sold unless she liked. The land-lady then went out and fetched a policeman to the house. The 1st defendant tried to make out in cross-examination that the prosecutrix was her husband's concubine, for whom he had paid \$90. This the prosecutrix positively denied, as also the assertion that she had run away from her liege lord. After the examination of the land-lady and other witnesses, the case was remanded until the 4th April.

## OBSTRUCTION.

The case against Capt. Sands for causing an obstruction to the public thoroughfare at the Fraya, came on again to-day. At the last hearing, it may be remembered, the defendant sent in a note stating that the obstruction complained of interfered in no wise with the public thoroughfare inasmuch as the space taken up was within the sheer-legs. Sergeant Perry, however, stated to-day that on the morning of the 19th inst., when he passed by the Fraya-works, he saw in the centre of the Fraya a blacksmith's forge with a blazing fire and some men working at the forge, there being some repairs done to two boilers and several steamers' funnels on the road; a number of men were at work, and it appeared to the Sergeant that the forge was connected with the work. The Sergeant then spoke to Mr. Ballie about this obstruction, but when he passed again later on, he observed the same obstruction with the exception that the forge was removed closer to the Fraya wall. The next day, however, the cause of complaint was all removed.—Mr. Ballie appeared to represent the defendant and stated that it was not at all the desire of those connected with the establishment to cause any obstruction. They had much work in hand about that time, and he could not recollect what particular work was going on which required the use of the forge on the day spoken of by the Sergeant. He would, however, readily admit that if such a thing had been done, it would have been very objectionable. The boilers had been so far removed that they would not project beyond the sheer-legs, and as the whole establishment was to be removed to Belcher's Bay, the cause of obstruction complained of would be removed too.—The Magistrate thought the justice of the case would be met by a fine of \$5.

## VIOLENTLY DRUNK.

John Leary, seaman U. S. S. Tennessee, was charged by P. C. Shore Sing with being drunk at d'Almeida Street. He was knocking at people's doors, and when the Constable took him into custody, he resisted violently, so that the Constable had to sound his whistle, which brought Constable Clark to the scene. The defendant continued his violence and tore the latter policeman's coat. At last he was conveyed to the Station under the escort of four policemen. Fined \$2 and to pay 50 cents arrears.

## ROBBERY FROM A GRAVE.

This singular charge was heard yesterday by the Sitting Magistrate, the Hon. C. May, at some length, but from the brevity of the report which we published yesterday, the peculiar features of the case might not be correctly understood. The following, however, is a synopsis of the voluminous evidence taken. It appears that an accomplice had "split" on his companion and both were charged, their names being Chun A-yow and Chun Fook Sun, a hawker and a barber respectively. Chinese Constable No. 295 stated that on the 22nd instant, while he was on duty near Wilmer Street, the 2nd defendant came up to him and said he knew of a good case and he would like to inform the Constable of the same. He then related the story of a man named Chun Angow whom he knew before, meeting him in the street and onlitting his confidence in an undertaking to rob a grave. He consented and proceeded to Mount Davis, the Chinese Burial Ground, but when he saw the hideous features of a female corpse in a coffin, his nerves failed him, and he ran home. The next day he met the man Chun Angow who told him the ornaments taken from the dead body had been pawned, and named the shops. Some days after the man Chun Angow gave him some ornaments to pawn, and he did so. He further stated that he could point out the grave and Chun Angow. The Constable asked him to accompany him to the Station to report to the Inspector, but the 2nd defendant requested the Constable to wait until the following day when he would show the place to the Constable. They met in pursuance to appointment and proceeded to the spot. Before reaching there, the approver pointed out some ash and part of a piece of red-cloth, which he said had been taken out of the coffin but which was thrown away and partially burnt by the 1st defendant because it had been wrapped round the body and emitted an odour. The approver then pointed out the grave further on, but it appeared to have been intact, having been chained over and properly built up. The Constable, however, made enquiries among the undertakers and learnt from the Fook Sow shop that the grave belonged to one Yung Fook Chun, a partner in the Sang Yuen opium shop in Jervois Street, whose wife had recently died and was buried there. In this man's presence the 2nd defendant repeated the story he had made to the Constable. He was then taken to the West Point Station, and Fook Sun was sent out to 1st Chun

Angow to the Station, but he was not at home. The next day, Inspector Oradock proceeded with the approver, the Chinese looking and the relations of the deceased to the grave, and by consent of the husband, the grave was opened. A hole was found to have been made in the upper part of the lid of the coffin, measuring eight inches by four inches. It was large enough for a hand to be readily admitted into the coffin. The body did not appear to have been disturbed, but the ornaments were seemingly abstracted. The grave was then re-filled. Search was made in the pawnshops wherein the things were said to have been pledged. The bereaved husband identified them as being the ornaments on the body when it was buried.—Meantime the 1st defendant was arrested. The pawnbrokers were next examined, and one of them so far corroborated the approver's statement that he had pawned her ornaments to the man who had pawned some of the ornaments with a pair of shoes which he claimed to be his own.—The husband stated that the grave in question was his wife's, who died in February last, and when she was buried, the coffin was in proper order and perfectly intact. He identified the articles exhibited in Court.—The case was remanded till to-morrow; the Police were ordered to dig up the grave and to bring away the lid of the coffin, and to report the nature and extent of the robbery.

## Japan.

## Gazette.

During the half gale which blew yesterday morning (March 18th) the schooner Banner dragged her anchor and went ashore on the beach near the French lazaret. When the wind moderated she was got off and was found to have sustained no damage. A small steamer which came down from Tokyo was also aground for a short time off the English lazaret.

## THE LAUNCH OF THE "AMAGI-KUWAN."

The third official launch of vessels built in the Yokosuka arsenal Japan, took place yesterday the 13th instant. Many persons, principally French residents, with however a considerable sprinkling of those of other nationalities, availed themselves of the opportunity of making the trip, afforded by the running of the Arsenal boats, as advertised, hence to Yokosuka. In the course of the morning the Messageries Maritimes launch, and some private launches, took down parties of visitors. So that, in spite of the inclemency of the early part of the day, and the absence of very great pomp and circumstance, the assembly of foreigners to witness the launch was large. The Japanese, too, assembled in great numbers from the neighborhood, and the crowd thus formed was greatly increased by the Yokosuka and Tokyo natives who made holiday. Still, there was an appreciable decrease on the whole from the number of visitors present on the last occasion.

The principal foreign employees of the Arsenal were entertained at an official tiffin by Mr. Terashima and General Nakamura, who then took a tour of inspection through the arsenal, and at 4 p.m. took their places on the stage whence the launch was to be witnessed. The part of the stage in question reserved for these officials was, as on previous occasions, divided from the portion placed at the disposal of other visitors, by a slight partition of white wood. Shortly before the launch two foreigners were leaning against this partition, when the nails gave way, and the strangers were precipitated, rolling one over the other, into the reserved portion. They rose, apparently none the worse for the fall, and the broken partition was not replaced. On the arrival of the two principal spectators the band struck up an air, we think from one of Balfe's operas; the shores were knocked away, and the vessel lay up-ported by her cradle alone on the well-constructed ways. Mr. Thibaudier, himself, through Mr. David, the foreman carpenter, directed proceedings. The last wedges were taken out, a little leverage was applied, and the vessel glided with increasing momentum into the water. So quiet was the motion that it was imperceptible on board, the persons standing on the deck only being aware of their change of position by the evidence of their eyesight. The engines and screw had already been placed in the boat while on the ways. The speed she acquired took her, as had been anticipated, opposite the large crane from which one of the two boilers destined for her was already slung. She was promptly hauled alongside the crane jetties, and the boilers were hoisted into her, within an hour from the time of her touching the water. The launch was a complete success; and the workmanship of the vessel testified to the care and thoroughness with which the work is done by the people of the arsenal, native and foreign.

The Amagi is a gun-boat, sister ship to the Sei-ki, launched, as above said, two years ago. She is, however, a trifle longer. Her dimensions as furnished us in the dockyard are—Length, metres 61.80 = 201.03 feet. Beam " 8.40 = 27.56 " Depth of Hold " 5.00 = 16.40 " The length of the Sei-ki is 60 metres, the trilling increase indicated being given to the Amagi to provide increased boiler accommodation. The Amagi's engine has three cylinders each 8 feet in diameter, with surface condensers, and of 700 horse power indicated. The vessel's total displacement is 800 tons. The hull is composite, of oak and iron. Oak, at least Japanese oak, will probably never find favor with ship-builders. It does not, in point of durability, at all approach the oak of Northern Europe; but has many points of resemblance with the Italian tree of the same species. The armament of the new vessel will be the same as that of the Sei-ki; one large pivot gun of the Krupp type forward, and three ordinary guns astern. The large gun will, however, be mounted a little further aft than was the case with the Sei-ki, the difference being intended to bring the gun directly over, and so afford additional protection to the boilers.

All parts of the Amagi, even to the bolts and nails with which she is fastened, have been made in the arsenal. The Japanese are so pleased with the progress they have made that they have now laid the keel of a vessel to be of the same size as the Sei-ki and Amagi, which is to be built entirely under Japanese supervision.—Japan Gazette.

## The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times).

ACCORDING to our Australian Exchanges by the *Down*, no decision has been come to in reference to the mail contract between the Queensland Government and the E. and A. Co. The Government refuse to increase the subsidy, and if the Company throw up the contract they may be found liable to a penalty not of \$5,000 but \$20,000. The *Singapore News* states that Messrs. Scott Henderson & Co have relinquished, and Messrs. Bright Brothers assumed, the Sydney Agency of the E. and A. Co.

"From Deli we have again received sorrowful intelligence by the last mail boat. Fully 1,200 Chinese coolies have deserted from the different plantations. A portion of these fellows have formed themselves into robber bands. On newly-established plantations work cannot be thoroughly done, and ruin will overtake them. It is only on long established estates where there is a nucleus of labour, and where coolies have been working for two or three or more years, and have hence remained true to their employers, that there is hope of a crop. Last year Deli produced 1,500 bales of tobacco. Should matters become worse, half of this will be lost. Already it is estimated that 6,000,000 guilders will be received valued at 1,800,000 guilders. The resident, Mr. Looker de Bruyn, has arrived and does not seem to be wholly pleased with the measures of the late Assistant Resident. The planters have confidence in him."

"The difficulties of the moment are great there. But everything will continue to stand on loose saws in case no efficient regulation of the relations between employers and coolies be called into being. When coolies deserted, the late Assistant Resident punished them with from six to twelve days' labour on the high roads, and gave them a certificate whereby they were discharged from all obligations. This punishment was ridiculous, and the fellows did no work and rambled about at Labuan. In the British colonies they would have been sentenced to three months' hard labour and would have been made to work under effective supervision. Every agreement ought to be duly registered when the coolies arrive at Deli. The planters no longer dare to inflict punishments themselves, because any excuse is a good one for desertion. On the other hand, the demands of the coolies are increasing. The state of matters is untenable. What is to be expected in the future? So far our information."—Batavia Handelsblad, 10th March.

## SUGAR PRODUCTION.

The following estimate of the Sugar production of the world was prepared by the Sugar Refiners' Committee at the request of the British Board of Trade:—

CANE SUGAR PRODUCTION—SHIPMENTS OF CROPS IN ROUND NUMBERS.	Tons
Cuba	700,000
Porto Rico	80,000
Brit. Dutch & Danish West Indies	250,000
Jamaica	200,000
Brazil	170,000
Manila	130,000
China	120,000
Mauritius	100,000
Martinique and Guadeloupe	100,000
Louisiana	75,000
Peru	60,000
Egypt	40,000
Central America and Mexico	40,000
Reunion	30,000
British India and Penang	30,000
Honolulu	10,000
Natal	10,000
Australia	5,000

Total.....2,140,000  
The above figures are merely given as approximate statistics on the world's production, the data being collected from various sources, both official and commercial. The British Trade Journal remarks on this subject:—  
In the matter of production it has been thought better to give the average production of each country in round numbers, rather than the exact shipments of any particular year. As shipments are in most cases the only data to be obtained, it must be recollected that the figures given may be very far from representing the total production of the country. This is especially the case with China, India, Central America, Brazil and Peru. In one instance the reverse is the case—statistics are given of the Louisiana crop, where the shipments from it are little or nothing. \* \* \* The China shipments have hitherto been mostly to Asiatic ports, and it is only at the present moment that considerable quantities are being diverted to other markets. Mexico, thanks to some new export bounty, has suddenly appeared as an important Sugar producing country.

## BRITISH PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE OF RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

Attention has been drawn of late (says the *Broad Arrow*) by more than one of the London daily papers to the part enacted by young Englishmen in aiding Turkey at the outbreak of the last war with Russia, the deeds of Butler and Naesmyth being specially cited. It is curious to reflect, on the other hand, how prominent our countrymen have been in fighting for Russia in the Crimea and the Black Sea. Marshal L. oy, who led an Imperial Army, in 1738, into the peninsula across the Bosphorus, was an Irishman, and died Governor-General of the Baltic Provinces at Riga. Colonel Brown, who was with Marshal Munich at the forcing of the lines at Perekop, was Irish also, and died General Count Brown at Riga. General Keith, second in command under Munich, was a Scotchman; and Generals Johnson and Leslie, who distinguished themselves in the Tartar wars, also hailed from north of the Tweed, and had left our country from political reasons, many officers who had been "out" in '16 and '45 taking service in foreign armies after the collapse of the Jacobite rising. In the Russian war with Turkey, which broke out in 1778, the great naval victory in the Bay of Tchesme was gained by the skill and intrepidity of the subordinate British officers Elphinstone, Greig, and Drysdale, the two former afterwards attaining the highest ranks in the Russian Navy. The victory of Tchesme was as fatal a blow to the Turkish Navy as the battle of Lepanto under Don Juan d'Austria, or that of Navarino under Sir Edward Codrington. The first person who is said to have made known the despatches of the port of Sebastopol was the English Lady Oranien, afterwards Margravine of Anspach, and one of the early governors of the Crimea was an Englishman, General Melleson, who afterwards suppressed the rebellion of Paganthoff, and saved the retreating throne of Queen

Catherine. Priestman, an admiral in the Black Sea Fleet, was also an Englishman, and read the burial service at the grave of the philanthropist Howard; and a notable countryman of ours was Admiral Greig, who founded the 'Astronomical Observatory at Nicolaeff, and was brother-in-law of Mrs. Somerville, the well-known authoress. In the recent operations between Serbia and Turkey, Colonel Milvor, a Scottish soldier of fortune, has been until recently, in command of a brigade of Serbian cavalry, and was personally decorated by Prince Milan for valor in the field. Colonel Milvor is, we understand, at present on leave in this country.

PEOPLE should be very careful (says "Atticus" in the Melbourne Leader) of their actions when they are in the neighborhood of a camera-obscura. There is one of those pretty little shows on the Sandridge Railway Pier, to which, during the holidays, a large party paid a visit. The room was too small to hold them all, so a gentleman and a young lady remained outside, and went for a short stroll along the beach. After a minute or two they looked cautiously around, and, seeing nobody about, naturally concluded that they were themselves unseen. In this belief they kissed, not once or twice, but at least fifty times, and in the most pronounced manner, and the whole of that performance, innocent enough, no doubt, in itself, but which people like to go through in private, was faithfully represented with the most startling accuracy on the white table, round which their friends and relatives were grouped! For the sake of human nature, I regret to say that none of the witnesses to this shocking scene shut their eyes, or turned away their faces, for the five or ten minutes that the kissing was kept up.

OUR fair Victorian neighbours seem to have queer notions about things in general, and some in particular, not the least singular of which is the establishment of a Ladies' Club, the married members, of whom a certain number are admitted (says the *Leader*) for the sake of playing propriety, are called cats, while the unmarried are known to each other by the name of kittens. Gentlemen are rigorously excluded from membership, but periodically a chosen few, who must be passed unanimously by both cats and kittens, and who it is to be presumed, must be therefore both eligible and nice, are given the right to *entrée*. The favored visitors pass by the name of pugs, and are privileged to wear the badge of membership—a silver ring. At all balls and gatherings, when the youth of both sexes meet for the purpose of dancing, it is incumbent on the pugs that they shall not engage themselves to dance with strange ladies till the programmes of the cats and kittens are full. Neither shall any cat or kitten decline to engage herself to any pug for any dance that she has not promised. These, we are informed, are the leading principles of the club, the name of which is appropriately enough "the Kitt-out Club." The press we think ought to be admitted to these little gatherings, but they might be more free perhaps than welcome.

## COMMERCIAL.

March 28.  
The market for Bengal Opium, during the closing fortnight, has not possessed any special interest for record. A steady business has been done in both descriptions, without much variation in the rate for Patna, whilst the large holders of the drug evinced no reluctance to realise, in the face of the fact perhaps that, by the continued increase in the crops a large reserve is held by the Government, the ultimate disposal of which is naturally forcing itself upon the attention of the merchants at both ends. Considering the present season, when fresh crops of native produce are not yet in such a forward state as to call for the drug in bazaar, and also the approaching tomb-worshipping holiday, the business in the drug has been to a fair extent since last notice. The present quotation is \$688.

A fair quantity of Benares has also been taken for local requirements, which, with a continuance of a good demand at the Coast ports for the drug, has tended to stiffen the rate for it, standing to-day at \$550. The receipts for the month so far, stand as last noted at 2745 chests, against 2060 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the interval under notice some 600 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 400 chests at the corresponding fortnight last year. This, with the exportations, leaves a stock computed at 1800 chests, against 1600 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 400 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock consists of but 50 chests.

MESSRS HSEINEMANN & Co's Freight Circular, for the Mail of Thursday, 29th March, says:—

The past fortnight has been exceedingly dull both in home and coasting charts, and freights generally are lower.

Homewards, there has been no demand for tonnage to load here, and the only business transacted has been for Sugar from Formosa. Some enqui y exists for ready vessels to load in the Philippines, but freights are weak.

Consular, a moderate business has been done for the Rice Port both for steamers and sailing vessels, but rates have declined considerably for steamers; a recharter is reported to have been effected from Saigon to this port at 28 cents per picul.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 15 vessels, registering 7,177 tons. The following are the settlements:—German bark Adeline, 530, Philippines to a Port in the United Kingdom, or to New York or Boston, private.

American bark Signal, 453, Iloilo to New York, \$18 per ton of 20 cwt.

British ship Sir Harry Parkes, 819, Taiwanfook and Takao to New York, \$17 per ton of 20 cwt.

German bark Lima, 836, Taiwanfook and Takao to New York, \$18 per ton of 20 cwt.

British 8 m. schooner Ugentoo, 804, Takao to Yokohama, 42½ cents per picul, 22 lay days.

German bark Wodan, 459, Onetoo to Swatow, 80 cents per picul, if Newchwang to Swatow, 38 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

British bark Echo, 369, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 40 cents per picul, (outside the Bar) 35 cents per picul, 32 lay days.

British bark Echo, 369, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 40 cents per picul, (outside the Bar) 35 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

British bark Alice Mary, 363, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 40 cents per picul, (outside the Bar) 35 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

Spanish steamer Zamboanga, 651, hence to Bangkok and back, \$6,750 in full, 10 lay days.

British steamer Pernambuco, 643, Saigon to Hongkong, 32½ cents per picul, 7 lay days.

British steamer Ocean, 871, Saigon to Hongkong, 33 cents per picul, 10 lay days.

British steamer Chinkiang, 795, Saigon to Hongkong, 32½ cents per picul, 7 lay days.

British steamer Gadshill, 1240, Saigon to Hongkong, 30 cents per picul.

British steamer Galley of Lorne, 1398, hence to Cooktown and back via Saigon, private.

British steamer Glenlyon, 1373, Swatow to Singapore (Passengers), \$3½ per head, 10 lay days.

MESSRS DEACON & Co's Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 27th March, says:—

Our last report was dated 27th ultimo; the only transaction to record in old season's Opium since that date is the shipment on native account of 718 half-chests of Country tea per French mail of 22nd instant.

The following is the comparative Export from the Canton Waters for the past three seasons:

SEASON	1876-77	1875-76	1874-75
Opium	18,516,898 lbs.	19,556,454 "	19,837,685 "

Of New Season's Opium about 8,000 boxes have been shipped from this and Macao; as, however, the larger portion of the shipments are "contract" teas, the market cannot be considered as generally opened; the few set elements of market teas are said to range from Tls. 22 a 28 per picul.

As far as can be seen at present the crop appears to be a fair average one, though many of the teas are somewhat deficient in strength.

Canton Greens.—A few small parcels have been packed for the Colonies.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters, (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date (Feb. 24, S.S. *Stentor*, S. Caper 43,890 lbs., Sorts 8,512 lbs., total 50,202 lbs.; March 8, S.S. *Tigre*, S. Caper 35,080 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 3,960 lbs., total 42,420 lbs.; 12, S.S. *Patrol*, S. Caper 42,640 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 18,260 lbs., total 56,100 lbs.—Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 18,516,898 lbs.; against 19,556,454 for season 1875-76.

REEL.—A small and unimportant business has been transacted at irregular intervals aggregating 150 bales of Tactles reel, of which 43 bales were taken in the first fortnight of the period under review. Prices have advanced with every purchase made, to-day's quotation for good No. 4 is (nominally) \$435 to \$440 per picul. Holders are still sanguine of a further rise, but taking into account the state of the home market, present London quotations, and the advanced period of the season, there appears small chance of the issue they desire.

Long-reels have been in limited request. Settlements amount to 70 piculs of Kowkong and other sorts.

RE-REELS.—These descriptions have been in good demand, and 700 boxes are said to have been contracted for. Prices paid show a slight decline on those quoted a month ago.

Stock in Canton is computed at 700 to 800 bales Tactles, 50 bales Cumchuck and Lucklow, 50 bales Kowkong, and 100 to 200 bales of inferior kinds.

In Waste, no transactions are reported.

QUOTATIONS.	Curio	None.
Tactles	No. 1, \$530	
"	No. 2, \$500	
"	No. 3, \$470	
"	No. 4, \$435 a 440	
Cumchuck & Lucklow	Best \$610	
Re-reel Cumchuck	Best \$610	
"	No. 1, \$570	
"	No. 2, \$550	
"	No. 3, \$530	
Cote-og-own	No. 1, — None.	
"	No. 2, — None.	
Waste Silk	No. 1, \$85	
"	No. 2, \$75	
Cocoons Pierced	No. 1, \$100	

## SETTLEMENTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT.

	1876-77	1875-76
For Europe	150 bales. 37 bls.	
United States	700 bxs. 830 bxs.	
Re-reels	700 bxs. 830 bxs.	
Bombay	70 pla. 25 pla.	

## EXPORT FOR SEASONS, TO DATE.

	1876-77	1875-76
For Europe	15,520 bales. 12,900 bls.	
United States	6150 boxes. 6032 boxes.	
Re-reels	1597 piculs. 1850 pla.	
Bombay	8800 bxs. 8980 bales.	
Waste	2147 bls. 974 bales.	

DAVES AND SPICER.—Cassia Lignea, is quoted at \$11.85 a 11.45; mada, \$11.00 in boxes. Sales 4½ piculs. Stock 9,000 piculs. Cassia Buds, \$17.75 a 18. Sales 120 piculs. Star Aniseed, \$26.50 a 28.75. Rhubarb, No. 2, \$38 a 50. Alum, \$8.10 a 2.20 per picul. Camphor, \$18.50 a 18.75 per picul, packed.

SUNSHINE.—Fire Crackers, 76 cents per box for Manning's No. 1 gold chop. Vermilion, \$33 a 35.25 per box. Matting, Manning's Fine contract, White 4½, 10½ cents, 5/4, 12½ cents, 5/4, 15 cents per yard.

Red Check, 4½, 11½ cents, 5/4, 18½ cents, 5/4, 16 cents, Double Extra Imperial, white 4½, 18½ cents, 5/4, 16 cents, 5/4, 10 cents, 5/4, 20½ cents. Cargo Ginger, new, in syrup (Chyloong) \$8.50 per box of 8 jars, Mandarin, \$4.10, Young Stem, \$5.70.

IMPORTS.  
LEAD.—The market has weakened throughout the past month, and prices have now fallen to \$3.85 a \$3.40 per picul for mixed brands, and \$3.45 a \$3.50 per picul for Hole chop and WB; at these quotations, however, there have only been very trifling sales.

QUICKSILVER has also declined, and is now quoted at \$61.50 to \$62 per picul.

Crude No. 1, \$380 a 420. No. 2, \$280 a 270. No. 3, \$130 a 180 per picul.

SHIPPING.  
The rate of freight to London per steamer is \$3.31 per ton of 40 cubic feet.

LOADING AND ON THE BERTH.—At Whampoa. For London and New York. None. DEPARTURES.—From Whampoa. None.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 28, 1877.  
OPIUM.—New Patna, cash, \$585  
" New Benares, cash, 560  
" New Malwa, cash, 560  
" credit, 565  
" Allowance Tactles, 12 a 24  
" Old Malwa, cash, 575  
" credit, 580  
" Allowance Tactles, 12 a 16

CAMPHOR, ... 16½ a 16½  
QUICKSILVER, ... 61½ a 62  
SALTPETRE, ... 5.70 a 6.20

## Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 8/10½  
" 30 days' sight, ... 8/10½  
" 6 months' sight, ... 8/11  
Credits, ... 8/11½  
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 8/11½  
Bombay, ... 22½  
Calcutta, demand, ... 72½  
Shanghai, 30 days, ... 73½  
Bar Silver, 17, duty B., ... 84½ prem.  
Mexicans, ... 8½  
Gold Leaf, ... 25.85  
English Sovereigns, ... 5.05 a 5.07  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.05 a 5.07  
Discount, ... 7 a 9½

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 81  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$540  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$150  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$2,100  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$200  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$205  
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 910  
Yangtze Ins. Association, Tls. 610  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 82½  
H.K. C. & M. S. Boat Co., \$10  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$50  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$106/10

## Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

## Hongkong, March 28, 1877.&lt;/

## Insurances.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.**  
**AGENTS** at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matched, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELBOERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

**CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)**

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$15,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

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GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$1,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1874.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

## Mails.



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship KASHGAR, Captain BAKER, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 29th Instant, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. me29

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TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,

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THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be dispatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 3rd Proximo, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 2nd Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. ap8

**U. S. MAIL LINE.**

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 21, 1877. ap14

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Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

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Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 19, 1876.

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TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

## Intimations.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1878.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the Consulate all information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul.

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.

Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

## NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1877) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

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The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.

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MR CHUN AYIN,

Manager.

China Mail Office,

17th February, 1874.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade, situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$80,000.

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The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next. For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE,

Municipal Secretary.

Penang,

Municipal Office,

The 21st September, 1876.

THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.

THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:—

Macao.—Man Chuen Shop.

Canton.—Sing Chuen Native Post Office, Luen Hing Street; Chai Hing Low Hotel, Luen Hing Street; Kwong Fook Shop, Yee Street; Mr Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwai; Yuen Fong Shop, In front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yee Cheung Photograph Shop, Honam; Kwai Hing Shop, Sin Cheong; Honam.

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Amoy.—Chin Cheong Hong, Mook Kak Street.

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Shanghai.—Mr Ng Ching Shun, Maritime Customs; Mr Ho Yau Chuen, Maritime Customs; Mr Chun Sing Hoi, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.; Mr Kwong Chuen Fook, Educational Mission School; and Mow Sing Sang Kee shop.

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Hankow.—Yee Hing Hong.

Ohfou.—Yee Shun Hong.

Japan.—Mr Leong Chun Tong, Municipal Office, Yokohama.

Saigon.—Wohang Hong.

Singapore.—Ting Kee Hong; Kwong Fook Sang Hong.

Penang.—Yow Wing Fong; Argus Office.

Calcutta.—Mow Sing Company.

San Francisco.—Kwong Fong Tai Hong.

The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express couriers who carry the official despatches and Peking Gazette, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

## AH YON.

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Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

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